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# Harvard University History of Anthropology Colloquium

of California, Dorsey of the Field Museum of Chicago, Gordon of the University of Pennsylvania, Goddard and others of the American Museum of Natural History of New York, Boas of Columbia, and Putnam and Dixon of Harvard. These have all expressed at one time or another disapproval of the kind of work Hewett is doing.

The affiliation of the Washington people is easily to be explained by the fact that Hewett who, as I have said, is before everything a politician, has much influence with certain Senators and Congressmen and it is thought that he is thus able to play an important part in the yearly appropriation which makes possible the existence of the Bureau of Ethnology.

I have written thus in detail as I feel very strongly the evil effect of Hewett's work not only upon the good name of the Institute and of Archaeology in general but more especially on that of American Archaeology which has been endeavoring slowly to emerge from the rather forlorn state resulting from unscientific methods and untrained investigators. . . .

Believe me

Sincerely yours

(Alfred M. Tozzer)

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#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY COLLOQUIUM

A Colloquium on the history of anthropology has been meeting since February in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Speakers so far have included:

- March 12 Ben Finney (University of Hawaii), "Wind, Sea and Stars: Recreating Ancient Polynesian Navigation"
- March 19 Stephen Williams (Harvard University), "The BAE Mound Exploration Division, 1881-1891"
- April 2 Michael Hammond (University of Toronto), "Combat Anthropology and Evolutionary Thinking in Late 19th Century France: DeMortillet and His Opponents"
- April 2 Curtis M. Hinsley, Jr. (Colgate University), "Digging and Trenching for the 'Boston Men': F. W. Putnam and the Debate over Ancient Man in New Jersey and Ohio, 1875-1900"
- April 9 Joan Mark (Harvard University), "Early Studies of American Indian Music"

- April 16 Joy Harvey (Harvard University), "Société de'Anthropologie de Paris as a Focus for International Communications on Biological Anthropology"
- April 30 Curtis M. Hinsley, Jr. (Colgate University), "'Please Call Me Alfred': The Bowditch-Tozzer Friendship and the Development of Peabody Anthropology, 1900-1920"
- May 7 Tina McChesney and Ed Wade (Harvard University), "Early American Anthropology and the Hemenway Expedition"
- May 14 Byron Harvey, "H. R. Voth and the Artifacts of Culture"

The colloquium will continue in the fall. If you plan to be in the Cambridge area, please write to History of Anthropology Colloquium, c/o Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge 02138. Participants in history, anthropology, history of science, and related fields are welcome to attend, or to suggest paper topics.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Robert Bieder will be teaching at the University of Mainz during the coming year, and will carry out research on nineteenth century German-speaking ethnologists of the American Indian.

Richard Burghart (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, School of Oriental and African Studies, London) is engaged in research on the professionalization of fieldwork in British anthropology, using manuscript sources in London and Cambridge to study the work of Seligman, Malinowski, Madel and others in the period between 1880 and 1940.

Lester Embree (Professor of Philosophy, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh) is using questionnaires and other methods to carry on studies of "research groups" within anthropology--e.g., "ethnoscience" and "the new archeology"--as part of a broader project which combines phenomenology and approaches of the human sciences (in the manner of the "new philosophy of science") in order to elucidate the development of science through the study of concrete cases.

Victor Golla (Professor of Anthropology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.) is using manuscript and other sources to study the development of Edward Sapir's ideas on linguistic interrelationships, typology and the psychology of language.

Greg Marlowe (Doctoral Candidate in History, University of California, Santa Barbara) has National Science Foundation support for research on "W. F. Libby and the Development of Radiocarbon Dating, the Nascent Years, 1945-1954: A Case Study in Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration." The project will use manuscript sources and taped interviews to investigate Libby's early contacts with archeologists and their response to the introduction of the new dating method.